

Aden-E. Europe military talks

BUDAPEST, May 29 (R). — South Yemeni Defence Minister Ali Nasser Antar left here today for a six-day official visit during which he discussed possibilities of closer cooperation with his Hungarian counterpart Lajos Czirine. The official news agency said talks were held in a "cordial and friendly atmosphere" and centred around problems concerning the armies of the two countries. Lt.-Col. Antar is on a tour of East European countries and is also scheduled to go to the Soviet Union, East Germany and Bulgaria.

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Eritreans evacuate strategic stronghold in face of bombing raids by Ethiopians

ROME, May 29 (R). — Eritrean rebels said today they had evacuated one of their most important strongholds because of heavy Ethiopian air raids which had killed at least 100 people. A spokesman for the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), one of two main insurgent groups fighting Ethiopia for the independence of the former Italian colony, said it had pulled out of Mandeferra (also known as Adi Ugr). "The Ethiopian air force has been bombing it every day and the city is semi-destroyed," Joannes Zeremariam Azazzi told Reuters. "It has been evacuated."

Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, and Asmara, the provincial Eritrean capital, which has been besieged by the rebels for months. If Ethiopia tried a major offensive from the neighbouring province of Tigre it might advance down this highway in hopes of linking up with the Asmara garrison. In a separate development, the rebels said they had turned back an Ethiopian advance north-west of Asmara and forced the government troops to retreat behind their previous positions. A spokesman for the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front (EPLF) said the Ethiopian forces had advanced to the village of Hemberti, about 30 kms. west of Asmara, and to two other villages. "But the EPLF launched an offensive against them and all Ethiopian forces have been pushed back from these places," spokesman Andemicael Cahsal, a member of the left EPLF's Central Committee, told Reuters. "Fighting is now going on at Weidebe, only six kms. north-west of Asmara," he added.

ERITREANS START JOINT OPERATION

GHARTOUM, May 29 (R). — Two major Eritrean Liberation Front groups said today they had begun a combined operation earlier this month to capture the town of Barentu from Ethiopian forces. Barentu is one of only four towns believed to be in Ethiopian hands after the 17-year guerrilla war waged by secessionist rebels in the country's northern province. The two independence movements — the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) and the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front (EPLF) — signed an accord here in March to cooperate more closely, and they said today the Barentu operation was the first test of how well their unity was working.

China raps American, Russian intentions

UNITED NATIONS, May 29 (R). — Accusing the United States and the Soviet Union of duplicity in their disarmament proposals, China predicted today that eventually one of the super-powers would go to war against the other. In a fierce attack on both Washington and Moscow at the U.N. special session on disarmament, Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua called the Russians the more aggressive and "the most dangerous source of a new world war." The Soviet Union was sure to be the "chief instigator" of another global conflict, he told delegates from 149 member nations — including Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky. Mr. Huang Hua had been expected to answer Peking's criticisms of Moscow and Washington, but the fury of his assault surprised many delegates. "One super-power is bent on expansion," he said. "The other has its vested interests to protect. As the struggle intensifies, they are bound to fight it out some day." The tense confrontation in Europe, the turmoil in the Middle East, and the gathering storm in Africa are all visible indications of the growth of factors for war, the Chinese foreign minister declared. He said the Russians were increasing their military threat to Western Europe trying to expand their influence in the Middle East and carrying out a series of military adventures in Africa.

U.N. troops caught in crossfire in a generally quiet S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 29 (R). — United Nations peacekeeping troops in south Lebanon are being caught almost daily in crossfire between rival forces using heavy weapons, a U.N. spokesman said here today. Spokesman Keith Beavan said armed guerrillas had evacuated most of the region under U.N. control but others were still fighting from a hilltop strongpoint just outside this area. He said troops attached to the U.N. force (UNIFIL), particularly from a Nepalese battalion, were being caught in the middle of regular artillery and heavy machinegun fire exchanged between the Chateau de Beaufort and villages in the eastern sector of the south. The chateau is an old crusader fortress held by Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese fighters on the northern bank of

the Litani River, which marks the limit of UNIFIL deployment. The villages across the river are occupied by Lebanese rightists as well as Israeli troops who invaded the south in March. In another development, Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss will pay an official visit to Syria on Wednesday, it was announced today. Local residents today said three people were killed and five were wounded in the market town of Nabatieh, which lies north of the Litani near the fortress, during a 30-minute artillery exchange last night. Mr. Beavan said no U.N. soldiers had been hit but UNIFIL had lodged strong protests about the continuing clashes. He said that apart from the

fighting across the river, the situation throughout the area under U.N. control was generally quiet and UNIFIL troops had not fired a shot for three weeks. Attempts by armed men to infiltrate behind the U.N. lines still posed a problem, but about 65 of them had left the south in the past two weeks, most of them on their own initiative. The pull-out followed pledges by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to facilitate UNIFIL's task of supervising a final Israeli withdrawal, scheduled for June 13. Mr. Beavan said only about 20 armed men were believed to be still behind the U.N. lines. They were in two positions which had been surrounded by the peacekeeping troops and negotiations were taking place to secure their withdrawal. He said they were Palestinians, Lebanese and another nationality who claimed to be outside PLO control. He declined to elaborate, but informed sources in Beirut said the remaining guerrillas were members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Lebanese leftists, as well as a few Iraqi volunteers. Asked about the presence of Israeli-backed rightist militias in the south, Mr. Beavan said UNIFIL would attempt to remove any armed men who had not been clearly designated by the Lebanese government as part of its authority.

French, Belgians plan Shaba airlift

KINSHASA, May 29 (R). — France and Belgium are laying plans to airlift women and children from Zaire's southern province of Shaba to head off mass panic among whites there following the Kolwezi massacres, diplomatic sources said today. Two French military aircraft and an unspecified number of Belgian planes are on standby to pluck the 2,000 mothers and offspring from mining towns in the province, the sources said. French officials said today the death toll from an eight-day rebel occupation of the key mining town of Kolwezi now stood at 138. French Legionnaires put down the uprising in Kolwezi ten days ago, claiming to kill 150-300 of the anti-government rebels in the process. Hundreds of Zairean soldiers and civilians also died, according to the Red Cross. French officials said a token force of 150 Legionnaires, left in Kolwezi when the main French force pulled out two days ago, was today withdrawing to the Shaba provincial capital of Lubumbashi, 320 kms. south-east of Kolwezi to leave the war-ravaged town in the hands of about 1,000 Zairean soldiers. Three 120-man companies of Belgian paratroops meanwhile fanned out to Shaba mining towns on "Show-the-flag"

missions to raise white confidence. But about 200 European women and children have already left Shaba, after mothers withdrew their children from school and brought forward annual holidays in Europe, diplomatic sources said. "I know this country well and I know the whites," a Belgian businessman who has lived in Zaire for 20 years said. "When the panic grips them it grows in their stomach and they cannot think rationally." Diplomatic sources said the French and Belgians had put aircraft at the disposal of the Europeans to prevent mass panic at the idea of being unable to leave Shaba if unrest spread. But the operation was not a formal evacuation so far, a Belgian spokesman here said. Diplomatic sources said that while women and children would be leaving, their menfolk would be staying on as part of an agreement with President Mobutu Sese Seko. The Zaire leader arrived in Morocco today from his visit to Paris as part of a desperate quest for foreign help to crush the rebels and attract whites to return to Kolwezi and help restart the mines there. Belgian and French officers have forecast that the rebels will seek to renege the Kolwezi now that the legionnaires have left.

Khaled starts French visit

PARIS, May 29 (R). — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia began a two-day official visit to France today which promised to be dominated by the two countries' concern about recent threats to the security of moderate governments in Africa and the growth of Soviet influence on the continent. Other topics included the Middle East situation and prospects for increased economic and military cooperation between France and Saudi Arabia. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing greeted the Saudi monarch, who was accompanied by key ministers of his government, including Defence Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

Top German guerrillas are arrested

BONN, May 29 (R). — Yugoslav police have arrested four suspected leading West German guerrillas, the Bonn Justice Ministry said today. The arrests, among the biggest such round-ups for several years, apparently took place more than a week ago. A Justice Ministry spokesman said West Germany had asked for the extradition of the two men and two women. He named those arrested as Sieghilde Hoffmann, 33, Brigitte Mohaupt, 28, Rolf Clemens Wagner, 33, and Peter Boock, 27.

Sombre tone for NATO parley

WASHINGTON, May 29 (R). — President Carter and 14 other NATO leaders open a two-day summit tomorrow determined to increase the strength of their alliance in the face of growing Soviet military might. But the Western leaders will also pursue their basic political quest of furthering East-West détente and negotiating mutual and balanced arms control measures. The NATO summit is being held on a sombre note. Western leaders are deeply concerned about the growing Soviet and Cuban involvement in Africa and alleged violations of human rights in the Soviet Union and their implications for détente. NATO military chiefs and political experts have warned their leaders of the steady expansion of the Warsaw Pact's nuclear and conventional military capabilities. Mr. Sadat told them yes-

Israel urges U.S. to abandon plan for NATO resolution calling for total withdrawal

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 29 (R). — Israel is urging the United States to abandon a reported plan for a NATO resolution which would request full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands, officials in Jerusalem said today.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that if such an American-sponsored resolution were adopted at this week's NATO summit in Washington, it would be "unfair and one-sided" as well as badly timed during the very midst of negotiations to promote peace. The government has sent an urgent message to Israeli Ambassador in Washington Simcha Dinitz, telling him to seek U.S. withdrawal of the proposed resolution. Expressing annoyance at the reported U.S. plan, Israeli officials called it a further sign of American pressure on this country to change its policies. The officials said Israel learned only yesterday — and from European sources — that the U.S. would submit the resolution to the two-day summit, which begins tomorrow. Israeli Radio reported yesterday that the resolution would also stress the necessity for solving the Palestinian problem and recognising the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people in the determination of their future. The Israeli officials said that while the resolution expressed known U.S. positions, it did not set out with Egypt, summit acceptance of it would mark the first time that NATO had adopted a firm stand on the Middle East dispute.

Israel was particularly annoyed that Washington did not inform it of plans for the NATO resolution. Israeli officials said Israel had not expected any new U.S. initiatives until after this country had reacted to two key questions put by President Carter to Premier Menachem Begin. The first concerned Israel's view of who should exercise ultimate sovereignty over the

West Bank and Gaza after a five-year interim period. The second issue involved the system to be used in giving the Palestinians there a share in deciding their future. The Israeli cabinet, which was to have discussed the questions yesterday, had to postpone the debate because Mr. Begin was ill. Prime Minister Begin, who has been confined to his bed for several days with a fever, today was permitted by his doctors to attend tonight's swearing-in ceremony of Israel's new president Yitzhak Navon. Mr. Begin's spokesman said the 64-year-old premier's health had much improved and his temperature had dropped sharply since yesterday. He said Mr. Begin's doctors still did not know what had caused the sudden illness although they believed it had nothing to do with the heart trouble he suffered last year.

Yadin backs West Bank proposal as practical

BRUSSELS, May 29 (R). — Israel's Deputy Prime Minister, Yigael Yadin said today his country's proposal for provisional internal autonomy on the West Bank was the only practical starting point for negotiations with Egypt. He told a news conference he was optimistic for a peace settlement in the Middle East which included a five-year provisional solution for the West Bank. "It is this plan which is going to be the basis of the negotiations," he said. "It is the only practical starting point and that is why I am optimistic." He added contact with Egypt was continuing through the Americans and bilateral talks on peace would resume soon.

Mr. Yadin, who is head of the second largest party in Israel's coalition government, the Democratic Movement for Change, said Israeli settlements on the West Bank were not the main obstacle to peace. The government had approved no new settlements on the West Bank for the last four months, he claimed. "I believe that we should have settlements for defence purposes, mainly in the Jordan Valley," he said. "I do not personally really believe they are an obstacle to peace." There was no question of Israel returning to its 1967 borders and allowing the establishment of a Palestinian state, he said. "This would affect our very existence," the deputy prime minister said.

Halabi presents his government's policy statement to parliament

DAMASCUS, May 29 (R). — Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Halabi said today his government's aim was to build a modern, powerful Syria capable of confronting "Zionist and imperialist challenges." Mr. Halabi was presenting to the People's Council (parliament) the statement of policy of his government, formed on March 30. "We shall overcome all negative and disruptive factors

as well as manifestations of retrogression and intrigue in order to set up our democratic socialist community in which free men will assume the obligations of the new stage," he added. Turning to Syria's Arab policy, he said: "It is based on consolidating the Arab unionist struggle with all energy. It will also promote Arab solidarity effectively to mobilise all Arab energies and economic, military

and political resources against the Zionist enemy and his expansionist designs." On the international level, Syria would support national liberation movements, strengthen relations with Non-Aligned Nations and consolidate friendly ties and cooperation with the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc countries. It would strengthen ties with Islamic and African states and cooperate with friendly European countries.

Crackdown against Egyptian journalists gets underway

CAIRO, May 29 (R). — Egypt today carried on an investigation of 150 left-wing journalists and other critics of President Anwar Sadat's government, official sources said. The investigation by the Socialist Prosecutor, the country's political watchdog, follows sweeping measures overwhelmingly approved in a recent referendum to discipline the press and clamp down on communists and other opponents accused of mounting a smear campaign against the government. The journalists include Mr. Mohammad Haykal, a former editor of the influential Al-Ahram newspaper and close confidant of the late President Nasser. The prosecutor, Anwar Habib, said 60 journalists were being investigated — 34 living abroad and 26 living in Egypt. They are suspected of writing articles "defamatory to Egypt and threatening the security of the home front" and could be banned from writing. President Sadat has also rehired professors at Alexandria University who expressed fears that the crackdown might lead to abuses. Mr. Sadat told them yes-

terday, "I have no intention to strike at democracy from the back door." Apart from the journalists, 90 politicians of the Nasser era are also being investigated in the purge. The new measures, to be translated into law by the People's Assembly (parliament), stipulate that anybody found guilty of violating national unity, social peace or the country's socialist democratic principles be barred from political life. President Sadat told the Alexandria University professors that Egypt could not afford to be split at home when the country should be also to developments in the conflict with Israel. "The second Sinai disengagement agreement with Israel expires in four months, in October. Only God knows how Israel will react then. We are in a state of war (with Israel) and our army is prepared to meet any eventuality," the president said. It was assumed Mr. Sadat was in fact referring to the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in Sinai coming up for renewal in October. No time limit was ever set on the disengagement agreement itself. President Sadat has coupled his crackdown with two moves certain to win popular approval and seen as concessions to the opposition. Firstly he has refused to ratify a controversial bill on taxation approved by the assembly. In a rebuke to the 360-member house, Mr. Sadat said the bill was not fair to low-income categories, was incompatible with social justice and should be revised by the assembly. In a rebuke to the 360-member house, Mr. Sadat said the bill was not fair to low-income categories, was incompatible with social justice and should be revised by the assembly. Secondly, the president ordered the cancellation of a multi-million dollar joint venture to construct an ultra-modern tourist and residential complex near the Great Pyramids of Giza. Numbers of Egyptians, including archaeologists, writers and members of the parliament, opposed the project on the grounds that it would ruin the country's historic heritage. The opposition had also made veiled hints of corruption in the project.

Riots kill 2 in Malagasy Republic

ANTANANARIVO, May 29 (R). — Student riots flared in this Malagasy capital today and at least two people were killed, informed sources said. Many more were injured and police headquarters were set on fire, the sources said. The government imposed a curfew from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to help deal with what appeared to be the gravest student agitation since President Didier Ratsirika took office in June 1975. Malagasy Radio described the incidents as "trouble stirred by enemies of the socialist revolution and the Malagasy people and aimed at destabilising the ruling regime."

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Will the talk beget action?

The regional conference on Arab women that opens here this morning will be greeted with the usual combination of yawns and wild cheering that greets any international conference of this sort. We tend towards the cheering side a bit, because we see this conference as yet another needed challenge to the entire Arab World's expressed desire to move ahead on the road of socio-economic development. Are we really serious about that? Have we really thought out the full implications, for example, of moving towards an industrialised economy that will require thousands of new workers who can only be provided in the short run by importing labour or encouraging more Arab women to work? Have we considered the full implications of mobilising Arab women to do their equal share of the work that has to be done to achieve the goals of economic development that we have set for ourselves throughout the Arab World?

If we have not, this conference should give us the opportunity to start doing so. It would be a grand waste of time, for example, if the conference ended up with a lovely list of recommendations that was then ignored by the participating governments because none of those governments had thought to establish the proper institutional structures that are required to translate recommendations into action. In other words, we are faced with the challenge of putting our money where our mouths are. Do we want to mobilise women to play a greater role in the economy? Then we should set up the appropriate structures with the necessary authority and facilities to get that job done. If we do not want to mobilise women in this manner, we should not be holding conferences that give that impression. We suspect that the Arab World tends towards the former position, and that there is a commitment in principle to provide women with the opportunities and training and education that are available to Arab men. But the principle has not been translated into practice, and we see this kind of regional conference as an ideal vehicle by which our commitments can be challenged, strengthened and, one hopes, transformed into action. If this does not happen, the next conference will be greeted with more yawns than cheers, and with good reason.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I thinks that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's sudden illness was a pre-determined tactic aimed at delaying a decision on a sensitive and serious issue, namely the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr. Begin was expected to answer questions put forward by the U.S. administration over this issue. The newspaper says it was hoped during the last three months that efforts for healing inter-Arab differences would bear fruit. But it appears that the Arab countries are not giving enough real attention to the fateful issue of the Middle East.

AL DUSTOUR criticises the U.S. attitude towards the Palestinians' rights. It says the U.S. has exercised pressure publicly against discriminating policies by South Africa and Rhodesia towards the Africans, but its attitude towards the Palestinians' rights to self-determination still remains vague. The reason for such conflicting attitudes is that the U.S. doesn't want to anger Israel, thus "sacrificing its moral principles on the altar of political considerations."

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art exhibition

Continuing: An exhibition of lithographs and gouaches by Jean Miotte at the French Cultural Centre, Jabal Luweibdeh. The exhibition ends Wednesday, May 31.

Military exhibitions

Continuing: Displays of arms and war equipment in commemoration of Army Day. These outdoor displays are taking place in all major cities in Jordan and will continue till Friday, June 2.

Film Festival

Tuesday, May 30: "Imputazione de omicidio per uno studente" from Italy. 8:30 p.m. Basman Cinema.

Lecture

A lecture on the new Soviet constitution and the liberties, rights and responsibilities of the Soviet citizen takes place this evening at the Soviet Cultural Centre at 6:30.

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From the Kuwaiti daily AL-WATAN

National News Roundup

President of U. of J. to take up post June 3

AMMAN, May 29 (JT). — The new President of the University of Jordan, Dr. Nassereddine Al Assad, will take up his post on Saturday, June 3, a university spokesman announced today. The appointment was approved by a cabinet meeting last Wednesday. Dr. Al Assad is expected to return here today from Jeddah where he served as Jordan's ambassador. Dr. Al Assad was the first president of the University of Jordan on its establishment in 1962.

Fires break out in Irbid region

IRBID, May 29 (JT). — A number of fires broke out in wheat fields in the Irbid governorate during the past three days. Some village houses and many dunums of wheat were destroyed in the fires which were reported to have occurred in Irbid, Sareeh, Bishra, Deir Youssuf, Eldoun and Kufr Assad. Fire brigades were able to control the outbreaks which seemed to be the result of negligence. The people of the area have been warned not to throw cigarette butts or leave fires in fields unattended.

New labour magazine on sale

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — The first issue of the new quarterly magazine Labour, an Arabic language publication produced by the Ministry of Labour, appeared on Sunday. Subjects dealt with in this issue include the affairs of labourers, economic and social development in Jordan and there is also a study of Arab labour conditions in the occupied areas.

Amman Municipality takes action on public health

AMMAN, May 29 (JT). — Several new measures have been adopted by the Amman Municipality to safeguard public health, Director of Public Relations at the municipality Burhan Shaker said here Sunday. The new measures include an order for the removal of marble and brick factories from Al Mahatta street, instructions for petrol stations to have cement floors and to keep their surroundings clean, an order for the removal of all unlicensed shanty dwellings in the city, the fencing off of empty land to prevent rubbish accumulation, and an increase in street cleaners and garbage collectors around the city. He said the new measures were adopted at a meeting presided over by the Mayor of Amman Ma'an Abu Nuwar, who decided on the appointment of a full-time doctor to go on inspection tours of food shops and groceries to make sure that foodstuffs on sale reach certain health standards.

Special forest fire fighting brigade established

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — The Ministry of Agriculture has formed a special brigade to fight forest fires, the ministry announced Sunday. It said the brigade will be provided with special fire engines for work in heavily wooded regions especially in the districts of Balqa and Jarash.

New measures agreed to ease traffic congestion, improve safety

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — The traffic committee of Amman has decided to set up a number of road bumps near dangerous crossroads to force motorists to reduce speed. It will also post notices at the capital's entrances forbidding lorries, except for those carrying vegetables and fruit for the central market place, from entering the city during daylight hours, a spokesman for the committee said here Sunday. The committee, which held a special meeting Saturday to discuss easing traffic congestion, also approved a design for the construction of a pedestrian overpass to span the Petra Bridge down town. According to the source the drivers association has expressed willingness to build the overpass as a gift to the citizens of Amman.

LOOK OF THE LAND



Two of the four rare Arabian oryx recently sent to Jordan from the U.S. to help re-establish the almost extinct animal in its native habitat. The oryx are being kept at the Shaumari Wildlife Reserve under the care of Dr. John Clarke of the World Wildlife Fund and a staff of Jordanian keepers.

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New member appointed to national council as Al Khuraisheh resigns

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — At the National Consultative Council's regular weekly meeting today a royal decree was read accepting the resignation of Sheikh Nayef Al Khuraisheh and appointing Sheikh Barakat Al Zuhair as a member of the council effective May 28.

Discussion focused on two proposals by Abdullah Al Rimawi and on the standing orders of the council.

Mr. Al Rimawi proposed that the government submit to the council an account of its domestic policy in the wake of the suspension of a local newspaper (Al Dustour) last week. He added that he did not wish to dwell on this particular issue, but wanted to launch a debate on domestic policy.

His second proposal was that the council should debate the government's new draft civil service law, acknowledging that whereas it was not the prerogative of the council to demand that the government submit all its draft laws to the council, yet he thought such important matters should be given a hearing. The members of the council voted that both proposals be put to the government.

This was followed by a discussion of the council's standing orders during which the members agreed that committees formed by the council should at least have five members.

Council member Amin Shuqair objected to an article barring newspaper reports from the list of subjects on which the council could demand an explanation from the government. He argued that there was no justification for barring items published in the press from the list, seeing that if a newspaper report were true there was no reason not to seek an explanation from the government, whereas if the report were false it could easily be denied.

Mr. Shuqair's proposal to delete the exemption of newspaper reports from the list was defeated by a vote on the council floor.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Jordan Times has started publishing a weekly rundown of events and activities taking place in Jordan. The section is called *Jordan Weekly Calendar* and will appear each Friday for a look at the week ahead.

We invite all clubs, societies, cultural centres and schools to inform us of their activities, exhibitions, meetings and outings that are open to the public. Help us help you to publicise your public events: charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, art, photo or commercial exhibitions, theatrical performances, films, lectures and sporting events.

Be sure to inform us of your activities in plenty of time for these items to be published in the weekly listing.

The Jordan Times will also continue to publish daily notices of events under the *WHAT'S GOING ON* section each day as well as the weekly listing. Please write to us at P.O. Box 6710, telephone 67171 or call in at our offices on the Amman-Sweileh road.

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Damas - Scene

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DR'S NOTE: We apologise for the fact that Damas-Scene is to appear on Saturday. The delay was caused by transmission difficulties. Damas-Scene will appear again every Saturday this week.

(Week of May 30-June 2)

EXHIBITS

"Hungary Presents Herself" is the title of a most ambitious well arranged exhibit of 300 colour photos on view through June 4 at the National Museum Exhibition Hall. The diverse collection has been brought to Syria by a team of artists from the Hungarian Institute of Cultural Relations, Pest. Maps and charts complement each topical area ranging from the history of Hungary (Magyar settlement in present), Siro-Hungarian relations, national holidays and traditions, to industry and agriculture. Hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4 p.m.-8 p.m. daily except Tuesday.

TUESDAY, May 30: Opening of the 18th annual exhibition members of the Friends of Art Association at Al Sha'b Gallery. Sculptures, oil and watercolour paintings and etchings 5 artists will be on view through June 8. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.-8 p.m. daily except Friday.

TUESDAY, May 30: Opening of a one-woman show by d Geck at Ummia Art Gallery, ground floor of the Merid-Hotel. The German artist who makes her home in Istanbul is noted for her unique style executed in colour pencil on The exhibit will continue through June 9.

CONTINUING exhibit of 100 photos of "The Churches of Damascus", French Cultural Centre, through June 3.

LECTURES

THURSDAY, June 1: "Music, Its Form and Content" will be topic of violinist Mohammad Hanana at 7:30 p.m. at the Assad Conservatory of Music.

THEATRE

TUESDAY, May 30: "The Visit", a play adapted for the stage by Mahmoud Adwan from the novel, "It's Happening in Now" by Yusef Gayad. The political drama is produced and acted by members of the Palestinian Theatre under the direction of Hassan Awali. 8:30 p.m., Federation of Workers' Theatre (opposite the Meridien Hotel), (in Arabic).

CONTINUING run of "The Travels of Handallah" Al Amman Theatre, 8:30 p.m. nightly except Friday, (in Arabic).

CONTINUING run of "Without Face" by the Russian playwright Yodidar Boshlov, translated and directed by Said al-Dar. Drama concerning the Soviet struggle against Nazism. 8 p.m. daily except Friday at the Military Theatre - near Officers' Club, Beirut Road, (in Arabic).



UNTITLED painting in acrylic and ink by Nazeer Ismail is one of 40 works by the Friends of Art Association on view through June 8 at Al Sha'b Gallery. A graduate of the Fine Arts Academy of Damascus University, Ismail has won top awards at exhibits in West and East Germany and Beirut.

FILMS

TUESDAY, May 30: "Lord of the Flies", 8 p.m., garden of the British Cultural Centre.

TUESDAY, May 30 at 8 p.m. and FRIDAY June 2 at 7 p.m.: "Borsalino", French Cultural Centre. Reservations necessary seven hours before showtime. (in French, English sub-titles).

TUESDAY, May 30: "A Police Inspector Accuses", an action film investigating the massacre of 70 prisoners by fascists outside Bucharest in 1940.

WEDNESDAY, May 31: "Jungfer sie Gefallt Mir", 6:30 p.m., German Democratic Republic Centre, (in German, Arabic sub-titles).

ROMANIAN FILM FESTIVAL at Cinema Kindy, Rue Mutanabbi. Performances: 3:30, 6:30, 9:30 p.m. daily. All films in colour with English, French, German sub-titles.

WEDNESDAY, May 31: "Beyond the Bridge", a love story set in a small Transylvania town during the years preceding the 1848 revolution.

THURSDAY, June 1: "With Clean Hands", Sergiu Nicolaescu's portrayal of Bucharest in 1945 as mobsters terrorize the capital during the aftermath of war.

FRIDAY, June 2: "Greed", starring Draga as an ambitious World War II widow with two young children. Directed by George Cornea.

Economic and Business News

Housing Bank opens branch in Irbid

IRBID, May 29 (JNA). — A branch of the Housing Bank will start operating here as from June 1, an official at the bank announced today.

Development bonds' sale closed

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — An official at the Central Bank of Jordan said that the sale of development bonds, launched on April 29, closed on Monday.

300-room hotel to be built at Um Uthaina

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — The Hotels and Resthouses Corporation will build a 300-room hotel in the Um Uthaina quarter of Amman using a one million dinar loan from the Housing Bank and a guarantee from the government, an official at the Housing Bank said here today. The new hotel, one of the biggest in the country, is to help meet increased demand for hotels in view of the development of the tourist industry in the country.

Cinema critics wanted

The Jordan Times is looking for a qualified film critic to review films that are screened in Amman, both in the commercial cinemas as well as the cultural centres. We would like someone with previous experience in writing film reviews, and a proven expertise in the field of cinema and the performing arts in general. The position would probably involve writing one or two reviews per month, perhaps increasing to three or four per month with time. Interested persons who have the above qualifications and are interested in writing reviews for the Jordan Times should contact Mr. Khouri by telephone at the Jordan Times, at 67171, any time between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and between 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Coming & Going

New Sudanese ambassador to Jordan arrives

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — The newly appointed Sudanese Ambassador to Jordan Mr. Ahmad Mohammad Diab arrived here this evening. He told reporters that he will work to strengthen the ties between Jordan and Sudan.

APC chairman to attend London tender meeting

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — Director General and Chairman of the Arab Potash Company (APC) Ali Al Khasawneh left here Sunday for London to attend a meeting concerning final tenders for the construction of saltworks, dykes, and pumping machinery preliminary to the launching of the tenders in world markets next month. The five-day meeting will be attended by representatives of the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Arab Fund for Social Development, the Islamic Bank, the Libyan Arab Bank, the World Bank and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Delegation returns from Cairo aviation tax meeting

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA). — Jordan's delegation to a meeting of the experts committee on tax exemption among Arab civil aviation institutions held recently in Cairo returned home over the weekend. Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance Mr. Farhi Obeid, who led the delegation, said the committee approved a draft agreement on avoiding tax duplication, and tax and customs exemptions on Arab air transport institutions. The agreement will go to the Arab Economic and Social Council for further approval.

Yarmouk University team return from Beirut

IRBID, May 29 (JNA). — A team from Yarmouk University returned here on Sunday after a three-day visit to the American University of Beirut. During the visit, the team, representing various sections at the university looked into the regulations and working methods of the administrative and public services at the university.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian Pils	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	313.00/315.00
U.K. sterling	568.00/572.00
W. German mark	147.80/148.70
Swiss franc	160.90/161.90
French franc	67.20/67.60
Italian lire (for every 100)	35.90/36.10
Japanese yen (for every 100)	138.70/139.50
Dutch guilder	138.20/139.00
Belgian franc (for every ten)	94.60/95.20
Swedish crown	66.90/67.30

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	5,575	6.800	6.850	6.850
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	775	—	15.500	15.000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1.000	225	2.200	2.200	2.250
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	147	16.400	—	16.350
* Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	4,248	—	2.200	2.000
* Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	2,440	1.200	1.250	1.200
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	3,176	1.350	1.400	1.350
Industrial, Commercial & Agricultural Co. ...	JD 1.000	293	2.350	—	2.350
Jordan Lime and Brick Industries Co.	JD 5.000	1,445	—	—	4.250
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1.000	420	1.350	—	1.400
Jordan National Bank	JD 5.000	357	—	—	7.150
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 5.000	1,720	8.600	—	8.600
* National Maritime Co.	JD 10.000	65	—	—	10.150
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	637	0.850	0.900	0.850
Jerusalem Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	607	—	—	2.500

Total volume traded, Monday, May JD 23,508

Total number of shares traded 12,867

* 50 per cent of share capital paid.

BRITISH LADIES OF AMMAN

There will be a film show about the Queen's Silver Jubilee and Gardens of England at the British Council on Thursday, June 1st, 1978, at 10:00 a.m.

Refreshments will be served. Invitation extended to Inner Wheel Club of Amman.

A picnic is arranged to Aqaba on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, 1978 by the Committee for the Encouragement of Domestic Tourism. Price: JD 16 including ticket, hotel accommodation at Aquamarina, lunch and dinner.

For more information and reservations please contact Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities Tel. 42311 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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7:00 Sign-on	13:00 Pop Session
7:01 Morning Show	14:00 News Bulletin
7:30 News Bulletin	14:10 Music
7:40 Morning Show	14:30 French Music
10:00 News Headlines	15:00 Concert, Hour
10:05 Morning Show	15:00 Pop Session
10:30 News and Music	15:00 Country Music
11:00 Sign-off	15:30 Pop Session
11:00 Sign-on and News Headlines	16:00 News Summary
12:00 Pop Session	16:05 Play of the Week
12:05 News Summary	16:10 News Bulletin
	16:10 News Reports
	16:20 Sign-off

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Amman:	Urban (25000)
Salman Dubouh (21334)	
Mohammad Al Klawani	
Irbid:	Amman:
Adnan Halhoum (2460)	Chimaira (22668)
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Taxis:	Subbagh (21377)
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VOICE OF AMERICA

6:30 The Breakfast Show	17:30
6:30-7:00 GMT: News	
6:30 Regional and Topical	
Reports, VOA Current	
News Summary (6:30-7:00 GMT):	
An informal presentation	
of popular music with	
feature reports and	
interviews, answers	
to listeners' questions.	
Science Digest.	
17:00 News Roundup, Re-	

BBC RADIO

14:30 Music for the Deaf	14:30
14:30 Radio Newsworld	
14:30 South West	
14:30 News, Commentary	
14:30 High-Risk's Guide to	
the Galaxy	
14:45 World Today	
14:45 News	
14:45 Books and Writers	
14:45 Talk Out	
14:45 Sports Round-up	
14:45 News about	
Britain	
14:45 Radio Newsworld	
14:45 The Farming World	
14:45 Outside News Sum-	
mary	
14:45 Stock Market Report	
14:45 Update in Focus	
14:45 News, 24 Hours	
14:45 The Pleasure's Yours	
14:45 Talkback	
14:45 Nature Notebook	
14:45 News; World Today	
14:45 Financial News	
14:45 Book Choice; Reflec-	
tions	
14:45 Sports Round-up	
14:45 News, Commentary	
14:45 Writers and Writers	
14:45 Viribus	

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	01:00 Cairo
9:00 Baghdad, Bahrain (RJ-GF)	
9:10 Baghdad (JA)	
9:15 Bas El Khaima, Abu Dhabi (RJ-GF)	
9:20 Doha, Riyadh (SD)	
11:10 Jeddah (SD)	
12:30 Kuwait (KAC)	
12:35 Karachi, Abu Dhabi (PLA)	
18:30 New York	
18:30 London	
18:30 Istanbul (SD)	
18:30 Madrid, Athens	
18:30 Paris	
18:45 Copenhagen, Vienna	
18:45 Rome	
18:30 Amsterdam, Athens	
18:30 Cairo (JA)	
18:30 Bahrain, Bangkok	
20:30 Kuwait, Doha	
21:15 Damascus	
21:50 Beirut	

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

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British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	37000
Goethe Institute	41983
Soviet Cultural Centre	44202
Haya Arts Centre	65105
Y.W.C.A.	67981
Y.W.C.A.	64251
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University of Jordan Library	36111
Citadel Museum	36191
Poldere Museum	36191

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Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	24391-4
Fire headquarters	22000
Fire headquarters (RJ-GF)	19
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najdah (24 hours a day for emergency help)	21111, 37777
Jordan Television	53205
Radio, English Section	73111
Radio, English Section	74124

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American Centre	226-362
Arab Cultural Centre	228-727
Baghdad Cultural Centre	228-727
British Cultural Centre	228-727
French Cultural Centre	228-727
German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre	228-727
French Cultural Centre	228-727
Kabuki Theatre	228-727
National Museum	228-727
Soviet Cultural Centre	228-727
Spanish Cultural Centre	228-727
Yahya Tureid Gallery	228-727
Zakaria Public Library	111-310

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You need to make some necessary changes but are not in the right mood to handle them. Wait until you are able to gain the goodwill and cooperation of others. Study ways to expand your personal interests.

ARIES (March 21 to Apr. 19) Take care of a problem that has been bothering you, and then consider new projects that might appeal to you. Know what is going on around you and feel more secure.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A good time to be with friends. You are able to reach your aims quietly and constructively at a later time. Know your true aims before you ask for your adviser. Attend a worthwhile function.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Civic work may be annoying, but it should be done now anyway. Be with good friends later. Pay important bills early. Be cheerful.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Not a good time to consider new interests, but fine for pushing career matters. Find a better way to solve problems. Be more understanding with those at home.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Get at pesky problems early so they are soon behind you. Do not permit mate or loved one to annoy you in any way. Study a new project that could bring in more money.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Carry through with your own work and avoid controversy with partners. Use tact with one who opposes you. Be happy with loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Spend some time partners and come to a better understanding. Take care of health matters. Add to prestige you now enjoy with co-workers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make amusement plans early so they work out fine later. The get into important work that has to be done. Be more agreeable with kin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't annoy others in any way at home and then you can have a good day in the business world. Work on some personal aim and get fine results. Watch out for strangers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be careful in motion. Set much done at home and at work. Be gentle with friends and get good results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get into the practical aspects of whatever is of interest to you and get good results. Don't make any heavy monetary investments, though. Take time to be with good friends later.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get into practical affairs early and make considerable progress. Go after whatever it is that appeals to you most. Drive with utmost care.

OECD gloomily revises its economic forecast

PARIS, May 29 (R). — In a pessimistic revision of its forecasts, the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) now expects less growth and more unemployment in its 24 member nations this year, informed sources said today.

The OECD is composed of the leading industrial countries of the non-communist world. Its experts have abandoned hopes for a four per cent rate of economic expansion this year, and now predict growth between 3.2 and 3.5 per cent, the sources said.

The earlier hopes were dashed by unexpectedly slow growth in the economies of West Germany and Japan, the sources said.

The new predictions have been prepared for an OECD economic policy committee meeting here today.

OECD experts now predict that the inflation rate for the area will remain stuck at about eight per cent this year.

The world's "motor economies," those of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Canada and Italy, are likely to grow only

3.5 per cent this year, instead of the 3.75 per cent the OECD originally anticipated, the sources said.

Unemployment in the 24-nation area was now expected to reach 17.5 million, half a million more than expected, the sources said.

The United States, which accounts for 40 per cent of OECD output, would show economic growth of between 3.5 and four per cent this year, while Japan's growth would drop from last year's six per cent to about five per cent, the sources said.

Libya fights drop in oil revenues

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 29 (AP). — Libya's oil minister said his country's oil exports have been reduced by nearly 22 per cent in 1978.

Oil Minister Izzeddin Mabrouk says Libya is currently exporting an average of 1.8 million barrels per day — nearly 22 per cent less than the target of 2.36 million barrels set for 1978.

"We need the money, we have financial commitments and very ambitious economic development plans," Mr. Mabrouk said.

The minister said that he hoped the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will decide to increase the dollar price of oil during its next regular meeting in Geneva June 17. "We must tackle this matter in a radical and profound manner," he said.

"The dollar is being used as a means of decreasing the price. Through inflation and dollar depreciation, we have lost 70 per cent of our purchasing power since 1973. By any economic criteria we have the right to adjust prices," the minister added.

Iraq will press OPEC for oil price increase

BAGHDAD, May 29 (AP). — Iraq's oil minister said today his government will press for an increase in the price of oil this year at the regular ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Geneva next month.

"The continuing decline of the value of the (U.S.) dollar compared with other currencies makes the question of an increase in oil prices in 1978 a decisive necessity," the minister, Tayyib Abdul Kerim,

said in an interview with the Associated Press.

OPEC states are losing more than \$19 billion a year as a result of the decline in the value of the dollar and international inflation, the Iraqi minister noted.

He argued that, since oil is an exhaustible commodity, "its price must at least be equal to its replacement value, and the replacement value at this time would be double the current oil price," Mr. Kerim added.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Giants stride ahead at top of League after crowds watch them beat Dodgers

NEW YORK, May 29 (AP). — A combination of free baseball jackets for the kids and Los Angeles for the opposition brought a crowd of 56,103 into Candlestick Park on Sunday — and the San Francisco Giants sent their fans home happy with a 6-5 victory over the Dodgers.

Terry Whitfield's third double of the game off Don Sutton and Darrell Evans' blooper single to left off reliever La-

nce Rautzhan broke the seventh-inning tie in front of the major leagues' biggest crowd of the season and the largest in the Giants' 21-year history in San Francisco. The victory, coupled with Cincinnati's 3-1 loss to San Diego, widened the Giants' National League West lead to 1 1/2 games over the Reds and 3 1/2 over the Dodgers.

In other N.L. action Chicago beat St. Louis 2-0 in a game called by rain after 5 1/3 innings, the New York Mets downed Houston 4-1, Atlanta defeated Philadelphia 5-3 and Pittsburgh beat Montreal 5-2.

In four American League double-headers, Boston swept Detroit by a pair of 4-3 scores, the Chicago White Sox took a pair from Oakland, 3-2 and 4-0; the New York Yankees took two from Toronto, 5-3 and 6-5 in a 13-inning nightcap, and Cleveland split with Baltimore, winning 4-3 in 10 innings, then losing 3-0. In single games, Kansas City outlasted Minnesota 8-7 in 12 innings, Milwaukee beat California 6-3 and rain washed out Seattle's night game at Texas.

Oscar Gamble singled in a first-inning run and doubled to start a two-run burst in the fourth inning of the Padres' victory over the Reds. Dave Kingman singled home two runs in the first inning and Ray Burris made them stand up with his rain-shortened two-hitter.

Nino Espinosa tossed a five-hitter and Doug Flynn drove in two runs with a pair of singles in the Mets' triumph. Jeff Burroughs bit a decisive homer in the fifth inning of the Braves' victory over Philadelphia. The Pirates beat Montreal behind Jim Bibb's four-hitter in his first start this season.

Jim Rice's leadoff homer in the 10th inning of the opener and Dwight Evans' two-run homer in the fourth inning of the nightcap propelled Boston past the Tigers. Jorge Orta's decisive homer in the first game and Francisco Barrios' two-hitter in the second game gave the White Sox their two victories.

Willie Randolph's RBI single gave the Yankees their 13-inning nightcap after unbeaten Ron Guidry won his seventh game in the opener on Chris Chambliss' tie-breaking single in the seventh inning. John Grubbs' 10th-inning sacrifice fly scored Cleveland's winning run in the opener. Baltimore rebounded when Jim Palmer scattered eight hits for his second consecutive shutout and 200th career victory.

Al Cowens singled and Frank White doubled off Mike Marshall in the 12th inning to carry Kansas City past the Twins. Rookie Andy Replogle survived three California homers in the second inning and Milwaukee beat Nolan Ryan and the Angels.

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Deposed Comoro president shot

MORONI, May 29 (R). — Ex-President Ali Soilih of the Comoro Islands, recently deposed in a coup, was shot dead here early today attempting to escape from house arrest, the government announced.

Mr. Ali Soilih was deposed on May 13 after ruling the Indian Ocean republic since shortly after it became independent from France in 1975.

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



"This should make you happy—you don't have to get up at the crack of dawn tomorrow to take Mother to the airport. She's going to stay another month."

CORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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ASK OMAR

Q.—As a relative novice at bridge, one question in particular puzzles me greatly. No one ever bids five no trump except in Blackwood sequences. Why?—Mildred Willig, Salisbury, Md.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—A good question. The answer is simply that a great majority of players do not realize the usefulness of a bid of five no trump.

Certainly, the Blackwood inquiry is the most common application of the bid. However, listed below are some additional uses for the bid.

a) The grand slam force.

North South
1 NT 3 NT
5 NT

North is interested in a grand slam, and it depends only on South's holding to the trump suit. If South has two of the three top honors to hearts, North wants him to bid a grand slam; if not, North wants to play only six hearts. A typical hand for this bid:

♠ Q10xxx ♡ AKQxx ♣ AKQ

b) As a strength inquiry.

South North
1 NT 5 NT

If South has a maximum no trump, North wants to play a grand slam. If South is minimum, North will be satisfied to play in a small slam. North might hold:

♠ KQx ♡ AJx ♣ AQxx ♣ KJx.

c) As a general inquiry.

North South
1 ♠ 3 ♠
4 ♠ 4 ♥
5 ♠ 5 ♥
5 NT

North wants to play at least in a small slam, but he is interested in a grand slam. The bid of five no trump simply asks South if he has any undisclosed

features. North might hold:

♠ AKxxx ♡ Qx ♣ A ♣ AQxx.

North is interested in finding out whether South has second-round club control. If, over five no trump, South can cue-bid six clubs, showing that control, North intends leaping to a grand slam.

d) As an inquiry for specific cards.

North
5 NT

This is an old Culbertson opening bid that asks specifically that South raise one level for each ace, king or queen that he holds. North might have:

♠ KQJ ♡ AKx ♣ AKQ10 ♣ AKQ.

e) To tell partner you have a key card.

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ 4 ♠
5 ♠ Pass 5 NT

South's bid of five spades asks North to bid a slam if he can hold his club losers to one. North's five no trump bid says that he has second-round control of the suit, but that it is specifically the king. To prevent a lead through, North is suggesting that the hand be played in no trump rather than in the suit, but leaves the decision to South to place the final contract.

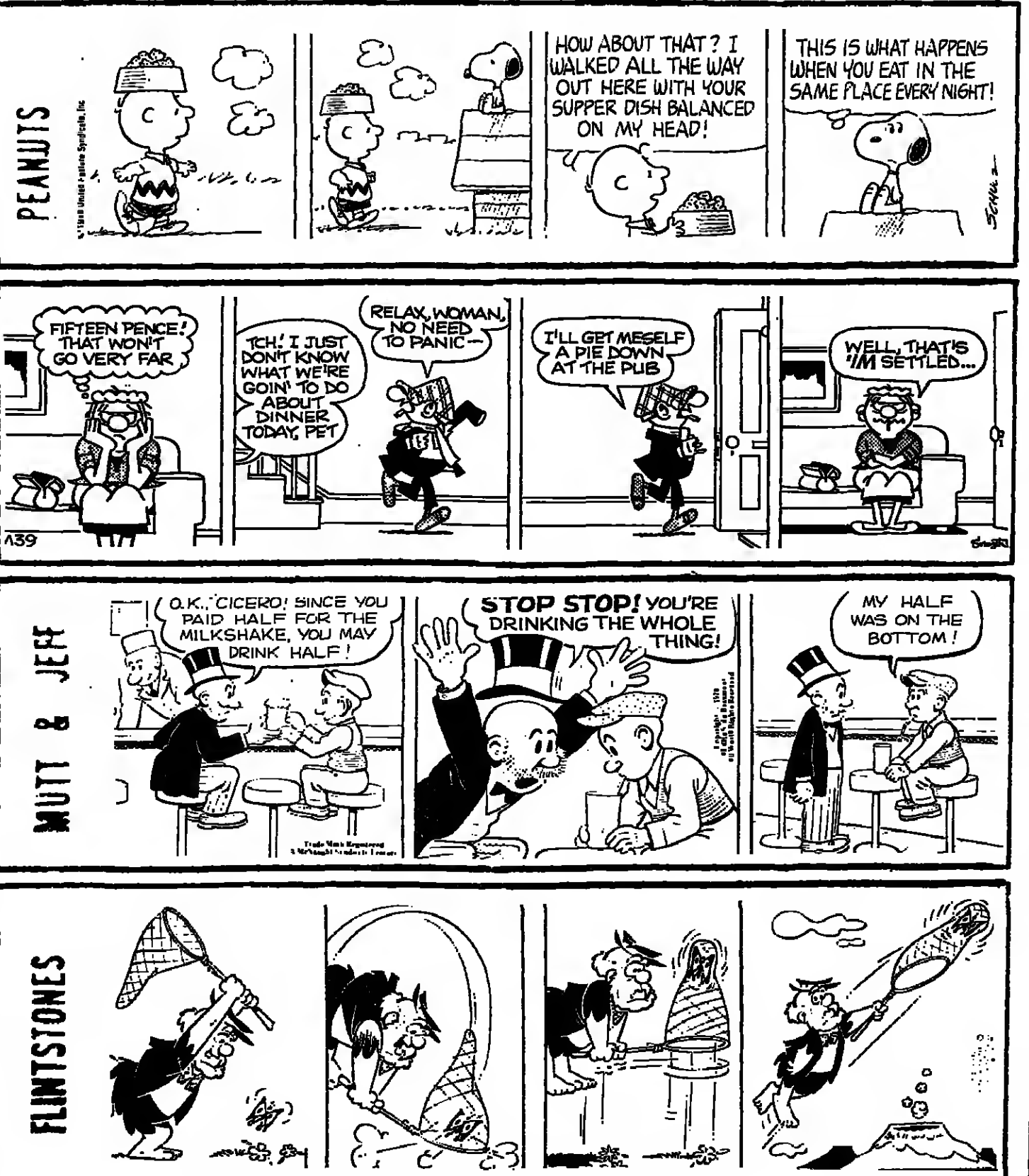
These are some of the non-Blackwood uses for five no trump. There are others, some of them rather esoteric. However, the above should suggest to you that five no trump can be a very valuable bid if properly employed by players who understand the meaning and implications of the bid.

Q.—Would you open this hand?

♠ QJ8 ♡ KQ3 ♣ KJ2 ♣ Q985

—Tom Simpson, Stamford, Conn.

A.—No. True, you have 14 HCP, and all books state that you must open with 14 points. But you should deduct 2 points because the hand is aceless and perfectly balanced, and now the hand is reduced to 12 points consisting mostly of queens and jacks, which are overvalued in the point scale.



Vietnam hits back against accusations

rally in Saigon yesterday to "refute" China's charge that Vietnam is mistreating Chinese residents.

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